

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

A Reminder in the Senate That the Republicans Want a Constitutional Convention.

Resolution Looking to an Investigation of Matters Connected With the New Insane Hospitals.

John H. Spencer has been appointed clerk of the Judiciary Committee.

Lieutenant Governor Mason had not completed the making-up of the committee yesterday, but they will doubtless be announced to-day.

The Republicans will caucus on United States Senator Friday evening. There are several, it is said, who are willing to be sacrificed on the Senatorial altar.

Rev. James M. Townsend, the colored Representative from Wayne County, opened the morning session of the House with a very appropriate and eloquent prayer.

Martin Morrison, of Clinton County, was yesterday installed as Reading Clerk of the House. He is a success, and appears to have voice enough to last during the session.

A bill was introduced in the Senate yesterday abolishing the office of State Fish Commissioner. Should the bill pass, the editor of the People will profit little by the indorsement which the Democratic editors gave him for the place.

The chairmen of the several committees on Banks, Courts, Fees and Salaries, Corporations and Insurance, held a meeting at the Grand Hotel last night for the purpose of selecting a clerk. Fifteen ballots were taken, and the meeting adjourned without having accomplished the purpose for which it was called.

A resolution was introduced yesterday by Mr. Moody referring to the matters connected with the construction and completion of the new Insane Asylums. The resolution provides that the needs for such institutions, the progress of construction and the necessity for additional appropriations shall be inquired into and reported to the House. The discussion of the matter contained in the resolution was postponed till Thursday.

One of the inconsistencies of the statements of the Republican press is found in charging that Jewett appointed the fee and salary committee in the interest of the county officers. They also state that Mr. Moody is one of the leaders against the people and in favor of the county officers. As a matter of fact, Mr. Moody is not on the fee and salary committee. It would strike the average intellect that if these statements were true, Moody would have certainly have received a position on the committee.

The House Committee on Rules made a report yesterday morning, and nearly the entire forenoon session was taken up in their discussion. The rules adopted are substantially the same as those of former bodies. The committee appointed to secure rooms for the committee reported that the Bates House offered to provide four rooms during the session for \$300; the Grand Hotel, four rooms for \$750; the Hotel English, four rooms for \$700; and the Occidental, five rooms for \$500. Some of the members thought these figures unreasonable, and a motion to refer the matter back to the committee followed. After considerable discussion the matter was left open for further discussion.

In the Senate yesterday morning Mr. Foulke introduced a bill for holding an election for delegates to a Constitutional Convention. This measure will no doubt cause some heated discussion when the bill reaches its second reading. The mention of its provisions recalls the fact that the Republicans held a convention in this city before the "frost was on the pumpkin or the fodder in the shock," and said something about a Constitutional Convention. This was long ago, however, and since that time many interesting events have taken place. The majority of the people have forgotten what the Republicans pledged, so little was the importance attached to their promises.

The Republican organs are attempting to make capital for their party and to engender ill feeling among Democrats by asserting that disappointment has followed upon the heels of the committee appointments. They assert that Mr. Moody is specially disgusted with his treatment in not having been appointed to an important chairmanship. The statements in this regard are entirely false, and are born of partisan malignity rather than of love of truth and justice. It can be said that Mr. Moody is not tearing his hair by any means, and the whole truth is told when it is said that he is perfectly satisfied. Mr. Moody is a member of several committees and will be felt in the general work of the session.

COURT-HOUSE LOCALS.

A Suit to Quiet Title With a Story—Notes.

Thomas N. Bryan has given \$1,600 bonds as guardian of Maud and John Eck, minors. Joseph L. Carson, of Shelbyville, yesterday gave \$1,000 bonds as administrator of the estate of William J. Smith, deceased.

In the suit of the Mutual Benefit Society vs. Clarinda Coen and others, Judge Walker has given judgment for Clarinda for \$2,500. The suit was brought to determine to whom money due on a policy was to be paid.

The prisoners against whom indictments were returned by the Grand Jury and a report of which was made in yesterday's Sentinel, were arraigned yesterday in the Criminal Court, and pleas of not guilty were entered in each case.

Richard Davis, who was tried in the Criminal Court for having wounded animals, was found guilty and fined \$75. He has appealed the case. This is another of the cases worked up by Billy Griffin, who still seems to be successful in such prosecutions. There is one more case of this character to be tried.

Margaret Hughes has filed suit to quiet title to certain real estate in this city and in Bridgeport. The defendants are John Hughes, Joseph Ragan and a man named Lawson, the first named being her husband. They had no real estate at the time of their marriage, but she was the owner of considerable personal property. Afterward by their joint labor they were enabled to purchase the real estate referred to, which was placed in her husband's name. Margaret alleges that for the past two years John has spent his earnings in dissipation, and has neglected and refused to support her or

their children, and last year he abandoned her. She then applied for divorce from him, but to secure a dismissal of the suit John agreed to convey by and to her the real estate. She withdrew the complaint, and until two months ago she received the rents of the property. John then went to Lawson, a tenant, and collected the money due, and forbade him paying any more of it to the plaintiff. Margaret asks that her title to said property be quieted, or judgment for the sale of the property and the allowance of so much of it to her as may be necessary to support her and the children, and that Ragan and Lawson, as tenants, be required to pay her the rent until the settlement of the matter in court.

The Rinks.

One of the largest crowds of the season assembled at the Wigwam Rink last night, to witness and participate in the neck-and-apron party—a novel affair, by the way, exciting much hilarity among the participants and enjoyment to the lookers-on. The management had offered prizes to the winners of the largest of each article, and the size of some of the neckties fairly rivaled the sails of a first-class ocean vessel, while some of the ladies, no doubt, found the weight of their aprons very burdensome. The winner of the ladies' prize was Miss Della Jones, her apron containing twenty-seven yards of material. Mr. William Jasper was awarded the gentlemen's prize, his necktie having only thirty-six yards of goods in it. The affair was a perfect success.

A two-mile speed race will take place tonight at the Meridian Rink. Messrs. Spain, Thomas, Dean, Murphy, and Saliers will start. Now, starters, remember this: He who would win the race must conduct himself obedient to the conditions of the course. In other words, if you can possibly keep where you belong on the track, do so; if not, then leave the course so that you will not interfere with others. If, in the opinion of the judges, a participant in the contest "stays in" for the purpose of embarrassing another, he should be immediately called from the track, for the spectators will not want to see a repetition of the so-called speed race given at this rink three or four weeks ago, in which a young man from Tipton was so outrageously treated. Polo will be the feature Friday evening between the Dayton and Meridian clubs.

The College Avenue Rink continues to grow in public favor. Last night it was crowded to its outer walls, the principal attraction being Prince Wells, the champion bicyclist of the South. To-night closes his engagement. If you miss seeing him you will regret it.

Made an Assignment.

Moses Rosenthal has made an assignment to James B. Curtis, for the benefit of creditors, of his stock of goods at 37 East Washington street. The stock consists of boots and shoes, valued at \$3,616.85, and the fixtures are valued at \$500, making a total of \$4,116.85. A mortgage was given Friday to Joseph Rosenthal, of Miami County, in trust for Kraus & Rosenthal for \$1,500.

Colonel E. M. Benson, of Montezuma, a candidate for Director of the Prison South, called at this office yesterday.

John H. Ruse, Deputy Clerk of Dearborn County, has been in the city for a few days.

PITIFUL SCENE IN A COURT ROOM

A Father Asks Judge Duffy for the Commitment of a 43-year-old Son.

A venerable man, bald and hearty, stood before Justice Duffy at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday afternoon. Although the snows of nearly seventy winters had whitened his head and mustaches, he was as straight as an arrow. He had the Roman features, the flashing gray eyes, and the ruddy complexion of Major George W. McLean and other veterans of the Old Guard. He held a silk hat in his left hand and his attire was faultless. A smaller man, made prematurely old by dissipation, stood at his side. His clothes were shabby, and he twirled his frosted mustache with tremulous fingers. His hollow eyes had a feverish luster, and there were deep lines in his face. His manner was apprehensive, and he moistened his lips with his tongue as he pleaded with the white-haired gentleman. "Judge," said the Roman-faced veteran in a courtly manner, "I wish you would commit my son to the island. He is a hopeless drunkard. It is my only hope for his reformation."

"Father, oh, father," exclaimed the man at his side, in accents of grief, "not this time—not this time! Please give me one more chance."

There were tears in his eyes. The old man was as immovable as a statue. He kept his eyes fixed on the Judge. In terms cool and almost pitiless he urged the Judge to send his son to the workhouse.

"Don't listen to him, Judge," said the younger man. "He don't mean it—oh, I'm sure he don't mean it. Father doesn't know what he's saying."

"Be quiet," said the Judge. "We will hear you in due season. Old age must have the preference. Gray hairs must be respected."

In set terms the stern veteran again urged the punishment of his son. He had evidently studied his narrative before entering court, and he was as firm as a rock. Not for an instant however, would he trust his eyes to look on his son. Though deaf to his entreaty, the sight of his boy's misery might soften his heart.

"Are you this gentleman's son?" asked Judge Duffy of the younger man.

"He is my father, Judge," was the reply after the feverish lips had again been moistened.

"How old are you?" the Judge inquired.

"Forty-three years," was the almost inaudible answer.

"Forty-three years!" exclaimed the Judge in a tone of surprise. "Is it possible? Disposition has made you prematurely old. You are older in appearance than your father." Then turning to the father, he asked: "For how long a time do you want your son committed?"

The old man was stone. He had not taken his eyes from the Judge. "For one year," he replied in an impassive tone.

Oh father, broke in the son in a thin, tremulous voice. "For God's sake don't make it a year. Give me three months. I'll try and be satisfied with three—not more. Please, Judge," turning to the bench appealingly, "make it three months. Here's Mr. Manierre here, pointing to a gentleman resembling Ben Franklin, who stood in the background, "he'll say a good word for me."

The father was obdurate. The son pleaded so strenuously that even the heart of the Judge was touched. "I might make it nine months," he said, with an observant look at the old man.

"Twelve months," said the old man, despite the sobbing of the degraded son.

"Father," the son cried, "not twelve. If you ever loved me. Make it six. Oh, Judge, make it six months. I'll take six months willingly, but not twelve."

It is the Judge's duty to fix the term of imprisonment, the Police Justice sternly said. "You must remember that, I

give you both five months, and if you behave yourself I'll let you off before that time."

"Thank you, Judge," the younger man sobbed. "You have treated me better than I deserved."

He turned toward his father, but the iron-willed parent had abandoned him, and was walking from the court room as stiff as a ramrod. The commitment was made out, and the officers took the son into the prison. Five minutes afterward the unforlorn father stood in the corridor of the downtown elevated station at Eighth street weeping as though his heart would break.

Where Drinks Were Their Safety.

There are two Kentucky gentlemen in Washington, one of whom shall be known as Colonel, the other as Major. Both figured in the war, but on opposite sides. They are cordial friends, but a number of years ago they very nearly had a serious unpleasantness. The way it was averted shows that "taking a drink" sometimes serves a good purpose.

The Colonel had said something for which the Major sent him word that he would kill him the first time they met. The Major lived in Louisville, the Colonel in another city. Several months after the message the Colonel, when visiting Louisville, met the Major, who addressed him with "Did you receive the message I sent you?"

"I did," responded the Colonel. "Are you prepared?" was the next question. "I am, but let us take a drink first." The colloquy was in front of the Gait House, and thither they went for the drink.

As they drank they chatted, the Colonel observing, however, that the Major maintained an air of business. Returning to the pavement, said the Major: "Then you got my message, did you?" "Yes, I got it," replied the Colonel. "Are you ready?" continued the Major, more and more intent on business. "Yes," said the Colonel, "I am ready, but let us take another drink first." Whereat they re-entered the hotel. "We may have had more than that drink," said the Colonel, narrating the scene. "Anyway, the conversation drifted into various channels, the hostile message and the provocation were apparently forgotten, and we separated as friends, and have been such ever since. I can't say what would have happened but for the drinks."

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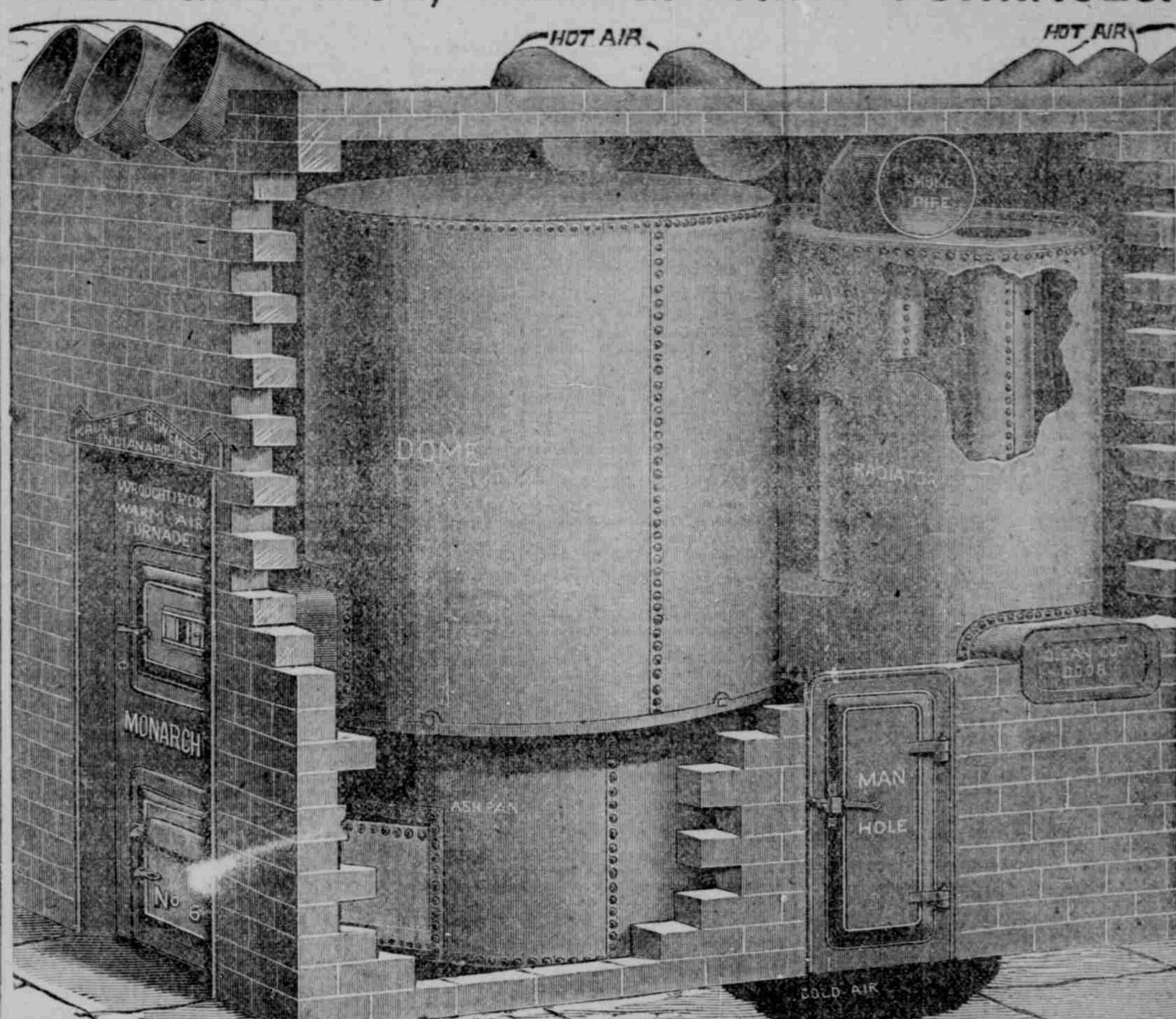
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